

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-22 were previously canceled. have been withdrawn as drawn to non-elected inventions. Claims 23-36 are in the case.

Election

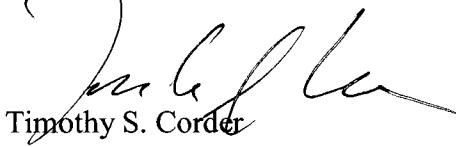
The Examiner has issued a Requirement for Restriction of the claims to one of four groups:

- I. Claims 23 and 24 drawn to a wound care membrane;
- II. Claims 25-29 drawn to a wound care hydrogel;
- III. Claims 30 and 31 drawn to a method of treating a wound by applying a wound care membrane; and
- IV Claims 32-36 drawn to a method of treating a wound by applying a wound care hydrogel.

In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, claims 25-29. Claims 23, 24 and 30-36 are withdrawn as drawn to non-elected inventions.

It is Applicant's belief that the claims are now in condition for examination on the merits and immediate allowance, and such early and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments that might expedite examination or allowance of the claims, a telephone call to the undersigned representative would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



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